GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS NURSES AND PARAMEDICS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the availability and the requirement of doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel at present to provide adequate healthcare both in urban and rural areas of the country;

(b) the steps taken to update the present curriculum incorporating new concepts of modern technology and medical sciences;

(c) whether the Government proposes to create a new unified Authority for regulating post graduate medical courses, upgrading teaching institutions for nurses and paramedical personnel and encouraging Public-Private Partnership in medical colleges at District headquarters and in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such Authority is likely to be established?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) There is no shortage in the aggregate number of doctors and nurses in the country.

(b) to (d) Proposals for amending the MCI Regulations on Graduate Medical Education, Minimum Standard Requirements for the Medical Colleges, Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institution and Postgraduate Medical Education are under consideration, which will deal with reviewing the curriculum, and encourage Public-Private Partnership in medical colleges at district level.

During the XI Plan, the Central Government has envisaged certain steps for upgrading teaching institutions for nurses and paramedical personnel.

A Committee under Chairmanship of Prof. Ranjit Roy Choudhury has recommended for a separate authority for regulating postgraduate medical curriculum, which is also under consideration.